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DECISION

The Alternate Panel of the New Hampshire Judicial Conduct Committee met on December 13, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. at the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, Concord, New Hampshire.

The Panel reviewed and discussed the Motion for Voir Dire of the Panel submitted by Attorney Hilliard, and the response to that Motion filed by Attorney McLaughlin.

The Panel has voted to generally adopt the provisions of Attorney McLaughlin's Answer in the following manner:

With regard to paragraphs (a) and (c) of Attorney McLaughlin's Response, each of the Panel Members has been requested and as of this date has executed an Affidavit, copies of which are attached. As noted, every Member of the Panel has under oath denied being the source, either directly or indirectly, of the information regarding the Panel's deliberations and alleged decision as reported in the Press. The Panel's Chair shall make shall attempt to determine, if possible, the source of the information reported in the media and report his findings to the Panel at its next meeting.

With regard to paragraphs (b) and (d), the Panel will meet on Thursday, December 20, 2007 to further consider whether or not the procedural fairness of the Panel's deliberation process was compromised in any and way and, if not compromised, to review and approve the final draft of its report and recommendation.

Dated this 21st day of December, 2007.

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By: Chair

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